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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. McCone:

Enclosed you will find copies of a draft reorganization plan entitled  
"Abolition of certain executive branch committees, councils, and boards."

It is established Administration policy to avoid the creation of interagency committees by statute or other means which prevent or limit flexibility in making necessary adjustments and readjustments required by changes in law, reassignments of responsibility within the executive branch, development of new programs and similar circumstances. Such flexibility is clearly limited when committee membership, functions and duration are fixed by statute. In furtherance of this Administration policy, the draft plan would abolish a number of interagency committees created by statute and transfer the functions of the committees to the appropriate agency head.

Upon the taking effect of the proposed reorganization, the named officials would be able to provide by appropriate instrument for the performance of the functions now vested in these statutory committees. They could establish those arrangements, including the creation of new committees, which would assure the most effective performance of these functions in the light of current circumstances.

We would appreciate your comment upon the correctness and adequacy of the legal authorities conveyed by the draft plans, along with any other views you might wish to express. Because of the sixty-day waiting period prescribed by the Reorganization Act and for other reasons, there now remains only a very brief period for the transmittal of reorganization plans to the Congress during the present session. Accordingly, the Director would appreciate receiving your response to this letter not later than May 5.

Sincerely,

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Management and Organization

Enclosures